

## **CHARLOTTE RUSSON PECK**

### **Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950**

Charlotte Russon Peck, daughter of Lot and Eliza Round Russon was born March 28, 1851, in Netherton, England. As a girl she worked in a pottery factory making bottles. In the year 1869, a missionary by the name of Peter Nebeker provided for her emigration to Utah. She went to his home in Salt Lake City. She met another missionary, Elisha Peck, while he was in England on a mission. She helped sing at some of his street meetings and on several occasions stood in front of him to protect him from “rotten eggs” hurled by unfriendly listeners.

Shortly after his return from his mission, Elisha Peck saw Miss Russon’s name on an “emigration list” of emigrants newly arrived from England. He walked all the way to Salt Lake City to find her. They corresponded for a year and although she had other flattering proposals for marriage, one in particular offering to “build her a lovely home and send for her father and family in time for Christmas,” love found its way, and she was married to the orphan boy, Elisha Peck, and moved to Lehi. They first lived in a one room mud house with a dirt floor, thatched roof made of willows, straw, and clay.

She was very small never weighing more than 103 pounds. They had eleven children and reared ten of them to maturity.

In the church, she was a faithful worker in Primary and Relief Society. She did much temple work and helped the missionary cause at all times. While her husband was on a mission to the Southern States, she provided for her family with the assistance of her eldest son and daughter who lived at the time at the home of Bishop Thomas R. Cutler.